

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

The listing of the claims found below replaces all prior versions and similar listings of claims in the above-titled patent application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended) A self-contained software package adapted to be automatically processed within a browser environment to control said browser environment, said self-contained software package comprising:

a manifest containing meta-data about said self-contained software package; [[and]]

at least one reference to an initial content source, said initial content source including instructions related to a particular intended functionality that is associated with at least one of a web site and a web application; and

an archive associated with said manifest, wherein said archive comprises all content needed to achieve said particular intended functionality, whereby wherein each of said manifest, [[and]] said at least one reference to said initial content source, and said archive are automatically received by and processed within said browser environment, said initial content source and said instructions controlling operation of said browser environment in accordance with said instructions to achieve said particular intended functionality.

Claim 2 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 1, wherein said initial content source is an HTML file containing content layout instructions.

Claim 3 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 1, wherein said content source is an executable file containing program execution instructions.

Claim 4 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 3, wherein said executable file is a JavaScript file.

Claim 5 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 1, wherein said manifest and said at least one reference to an initial content source are distributed via a network.

Claim 6 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 1, wherein said manifest and said at least one reference to an initial content source are distributed via a computer readable medium.

Claim 7 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 6, wherein said computer readable medium is a compact disc containing digitally recorded information.

Claim 8 (Original) The self-contained software package according to claim 1, wherein said manifest and said initial content source are contained within said self-contained software package.

Claims 9-11 (Canceled).

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) A web browser adapted to receive and process a self-contained software package, comprising:

an input module inputting each of:

a manifest containing meta data about said self-contained software package, ~~[[and]]~~

at least one reference to an initial content source, said initial content source including instructions related to a particular intended functionality that is associated with at least one of a web site and a web application, and

an archive associated with said manifest, wherein said archive comprises all content needed to achieve said particular intended functionality, whereby wherein each of said manifest, ~~[[and]]~~ said at least one reference to said initial content source, and said archive are automatically received by and processed within said web browser, said initial content source controlling said web browser in accordance with said instructions to achieve said particular intended functionality.

Claim 13 (Original) The web browser according to claim 12, wherein said content source is an HTML file containing content layout instructions.

Claim 14 (Original) The web browser according to claim 12, wherein said content source is an executable file containing program execution instructions.

Claim 15 (Original) The web browser according to claim 14, wherein said executable file includes JavaScript instructions.

Claim 16 (Original) The web browser according to claim 14, wherein said executable file includes JAVA-based instructions.

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Claim 17 (Original) The web browser according to claim 12, wherein said manifest and said at least one reference to an initial content source are distributed via a network.

Claim 18 (Original) The web browser according to claim 12, wherein said manifest and said at least one reference to a content source are distributed to said web browser via a computer readable medium.

Claim 19 (Original) The web browser according to claim 18, wherein said computer readable medium is a compact disc containing digitally recorded information.

Claim 20 (Currently Amended) The web browser according to claim 12, wherein said manifest and said initial content source are contained within a corresponding said archive structure.

Claim 21 (Currently Amended) A method for generating and automatically processing a self-contained software package within a browser environment, comprising the following steps:

generating a manifest containing meta-data about said self-contained software package;

generating at least one reference to an initial content source, said initial content source including instructions related to a particular intended functionality that is associated with at least one of a web site and a web application;

generating an archive associated with said manifest, wherein said archive comprises all content needed to achieve said particular intended functionality;

automatically receiving each of said manifest, said at least one reference, [[and]] said initial content source, and said archive; and

automatically processing each of said manifest, said at least one reference, [[and]] said initial content, and said archive within said browser environment, said initial content source controlling said browser environment in accordance with said instructions to achieve said particular intended functionality.

Claim 22. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein said content source is an HTML file containing content layout instructions.

Claim 23. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein said content source is an executable file containing program execution instructions.

Claim 24. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein said executable file contains JAVA-based instructions.

Claim 25. (Original) The method according to claim 22, wherein said executable file includes JavaScript instructions.

Claim 26. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein said manifest and said at least one reference to a content source are configured to be distributed via a network.

Claim 27. (Original) The method according to claim 21, wherein said manifest and said at least one reference to an initial content source are configured to be distributed via a computer readable medium.

Claim 28. (Original) The method according to claim 27, wherein said computer readable medium is a compact disc containing digitally recorded information.

Claim 29. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, wherein said manifest and said initial content source are contained within said archive self-contained software package.

Claim 30. (Currently Amended) A method of using a web browser, comprising the following steps:

receiving a manifest containing meta data about a self-contained software package;

receiving at least one reference to an initial content source, said initial content source including instructions related to a particular intended functionality that is associated with at least one of a web site and a web application;

receiving an archive associated with said manifest, wherein said archive comprises all content needed to achieve said particular intended functionality; and

automatically processing each of said manifest, said at least one reference, [[and]] said initial content, and said archive within a web browser environment, said initial content source controlling said browser environment in accordance with said instructions to achieve said particular intended functionality.

Claim 31. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein said initial content source includes HTML content to be automatically manifested by said web browser.

Claim 32. (Original) The method according to claim 30, wherein said particular functionality corresponds to web site content normally and otherwise obtained from a server system via a network connection.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 29, 2002, in the above-titled patent application, the Applicant is amending claims 1, 12, 20, 21, 29, and 30, and is canceling claims 9-12 without prejudice to the subject matter claimed thereby. The foregoing amendments do not add any new matter to the above-titled patent application, and the specification fully supports the foregoing amendments. See, e.g., Appl'n, Page 12, Lines 16-31; and Page 14, Lines 15-28. The Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the above-titled patent application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

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